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PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SESSION

How often young people of our churches have wondered about the State Conference, and how many times have adults wished that young people might be present at the annual meetings! It has never before been possible, because the meetings were held in the middle of the week, and conflicted with school time. One of the considerations leading to having the conference on a week-end was that it would make possible the attendance of youth.

The Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet discussed plans for getting a large representation of youth to attend the various sessions of the State Conference at Stockton, October 17-19, but especially Sunday afternoon. Miss Joanna Wilder, President, will preside at the Pilgrim Fellowship session at 4 o'clock that afternoon, when the new director of Plymouth House, Rev. Edward Reighard, will speak on "How Old Are You?" , This will be the first opportunity for many of the young people to meet the man who is leading the project toward which our young people's societies are contributing.

It happens that in the nation-wide religious emphasis for the month of October, October 19 is Youth Sunday, and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, who is the Conference Preacher, has chosen as his subject for the Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock, "Youthful Christ Jesus."

Young people are invited to the Conference supper at 5:30 this same afternoon, when Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley will give the closing message on the theme, "Our Hope for Years to Come." Adjournment will come at 7:30, so there will be ample time to reach home that evening.

Young people as well as adults must make reservations in advance for the Sunday evening supper, which will cost 50 cents. Reservations must be sent to Rev. Noel J. Breed, Willow and Madison Sts., Stockton, to reach him not later than Thursday, October 16.

A program to clarify our thinking, to deepen our religious experience, and to hearten us to face this tragic world, has been planned for the Annual Meeting of the Conference to be held at Stockton this month, October 17-19.

A series of addresses by our leaders will make this meeting memorable, and one for which church men and women will sacrifice to attend. Here are some of them which support the Conference theme, "This Gospel We Preach":

"Christian Grounds for Hope," Professor John C. Bennett, Pacific School of Religion.
"Christians in a Confused Age," Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Plymouth Church, Oakland.
"The Congregational Way in Our Day," Superintendent Harley H. Gill.
"The Churches of Our Order in 1941" and "A Faith that Subdues Kingdoms," Rev. William F. Frazier, New York.
"Youthful Christ Jesus," the Conference Sermon by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, San Francisco.
"The Will of God and the Present Crisis," Rev. Holland F. Burr, Piedmont Church, Oakland.
"Our Hope for Years to Come," Rev. Vere V. Loper, Berkeley.
"Not Force but Love," Mr. Norio Ozaki, Japanese Church, Oakland.
"We Are Not Ashamed of the Gospel," Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Pilgrom Church, Fresno.
"The Remaining Task in North China," Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, China.
"The Church in India—Progress and Problems," Rev. Clifford Manshardt, Bombay.
"Religion at Work in Argentina," Rev. F. W. Gross, Lodi.
"The Religious Roots of Social Action," Rev. Stephen Peabody, San Jose.

Rev. B. H. Kissler of Fresno will conduct one of the devotional services; Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton will lead in the Communion service; and Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Oakland Pilgrim Church will conduct the Memorial Service.

There will be five short addresses on our work in California: "What Frontier Do You Mean?", Rev. Theodore Schulz of Alturas; "The Church and Student Life," Rev. Edward Reighard of Plymouth House: "O Tread the City Streets Again," Rev. Donald Gaylord of San Francisco Grace United; "The Christian Church in Suburbia," Rev. Wm. Meyer of Fairfax; "The Social and Vocational Implications of Our Army and Navy Communities," Chaplain Harry A. Shuder.

Rev. M. G. Papazian will address the ministers at their luncheon, on his experiences through the past fifty years, and Rev. W. F. Frazier of New York will speak to the ministers Sunday morning on "Fellowship in Freedom."

The women of the Conference will have two sessions: the luncheon Saturday noon when Rev. P. N. Bennett of Weaverville will speak of the Trinity County project, and Mrs. Richard S. Rose, President of the Southern California Federation of Congegational Women, will speak on "The New Neighborliness." On Sunday morning Mrs. T. T. Giffen will lead a discussion on "Women and Worship."

The special laymen's meetings are announced in another column, as are the sessions for young adults and Pilgrim Fellowship.

The registration fee of $1 for each one who attends will help make this program possible and will assist in travel expense of ministers from a distance. Pastors have copies of the program, and will be glad to discuss attendance and transportation with their members. Delegates and ministers will provide their own entertainment. A list of hotels appears on each program.

Special attention is called to the necessity of making reservations for meals before arriving at Stockton. The luncheons on Saturday noon for women, laymen and ministers are all the same price—60 cents per plate. The supper on Sunday evening is 50 cents. Reservations for all of these should be mailed to Rev. Noel J. Breed, Willow and Madison Streets, Stockton, to reach him by Thursday, October 16... The hostess church insists that this be done or people will have to find meals elsewhere.

LAYMEN TO MEET

Laymen of Northern California who have long demanded the chance to attend the annual meetings of the State Conference but were prevented by their being held in the middle of the week, are this year showing great interest in the annual session to be held at Stockton on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 17-19. A special program for laymen has been arranged, and the sessions of the total conference have been planned for Saturday and Sunday in such a way as to be of greatest possible interest to men. In another column will be found a summary of the program for the three days. The Moderator of the Conference this year is a layman—Charles T. Tinker—who was Chairman of the Laymen's Commission for two years and is Chairman of the Program Committee.

Laymen will plan to gather for special luncheon at the First Christian Church on Saturday noon, with George B. Martin, Chairman of the Laymen's Commission, presiding. Rev. William F. Frazier of New York will be the guest speaker, his subject on that occasion being "A Man and His Church." Three laymen will speak briefly: Eugene C. Mills of Berkeley, engineer of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, on the theme "Why I Do Go to Church"; B. M. Benson, Fresno, attorney, "Why My Neighbors and Friends do not go to church"; Robert E. Stone, Berkeley, professor of law, "What Kind of a Church Program Would Command my complete Loyalty?"

On Sunday morning at 9:30 there will be another group meeting for laymen, when Acting Superintendent Rev. Perry F. Schrock of Los Angeles will lead a discussion on "Interesting Facts for Interested Laymen." The Sunday afternoon and evening programs are planned for laymen and their wives, with Rev. Holland F. Burr of Piedmont and Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley in inspiring messages.

Laymen will want to observe the instructions for reservations for the Saturday noon luncheon and the Sunday evening supper, found in the last paragraph of the two-column article on the Conference as a whole, on the front page of this issue.

YOUNG ADULTS TAKE PART

Young Adults are planning to exert their influence and show their colors in the annual meeting of the State Conference to be held in Stockton October 17-19. Sam Dugan of Antioch, the President, will preside at a Sunday afternoon session beginning at 4 o'clock when President Dwayne C. Orton of the Stockton Junior College will speak on the theme, "The Democratic Community and Religion." Discussion will follow.

Young Adults will also be in attendance at the Conference supper at 5:30 that same evening, at which time Rev. Perry F. Schrock of Los Angeles will bring greetings from Southern California, and Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley will give the closing Conference message on "Our Hope for Years to Come." Young Adults will be welcome at all sessions of the Conference, and will want to read about the feast of good things as set forth in the two-column article appearing on the front page of this issue. They will also want to observe instructions about reservations for the Sunday evening supper, found in the last paragraph of that article.

AMERICAN BOARD

A thrill of joy goes through the hearts of all loyal Congregationalists when they receive the report from the American Board that it closed the fiscal year on August 31 not with a deficit but with a substantial surplus, and when they learn that the debt of former years has been paid off, and all of this in spite of the extraordinary expense which has been laid upon the Board by the present emergency.

This happy condition comes about not through saving of money by the return of missionaries, but by the increased gifts of our people. While a good many missionaries have come home, the expense on the Board for transportation and in caring for them has been greater than normal operations. Even though some of these missionaries will find other lines of work, they must be supported until such opportunities can be discovered, but the Board is not permitting itself to believe that this situation will be permanent, and is planning to send back these missionaries at the earliest possible moment, and desires to have them in readiness for such an eventuality. It is far more economical, let alone efficient, to maintain these missionaries for the time being and thus have an experienced personnel to take up the work when opportunities open, than to lose our hold on this splendid staff and have to train all new ones.

In response to the usual summer appeal, more than 3,900 loyal people responded. Our members should remember that while a good many missionaries have been brought home temporarily and others are on furlough, the Board still has 300 workers in active service on the field in India, Ceylon, China, Africa, the Philippine Islands, Turkey and Syria.

P.S.R. BIRTHDAY

Pacific School of Religion is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary. Various members of the faculty will conduct seminars during the day on October 9. There will be an alumni luncheon in honor of Prof. George T. Tolson, who retires after thirty-nine years of service. Dr. Tolson will give a history of the School. Professor Emeritus John Wright Buckham is the speaker at the evening dinner. Several alumni are being honored with honorary degrees at the evening session.

Seely Scores

The Missions Council, in making up their fall literature, wanted to secure a layman's viewpoint on the question of stewardship. The question was put to our own F. Howard Seely, member of Oakland First Church and long active in State Conference work. Mr. Seely's response, entitled "Dollar-a-Year-Christianity," has been published, and is being widely used throughout the nation. PACIFIC extends congratulations to Mr. Seely for the leaflet, and to the Missions Council for having secured it! Copies may be obtained free from the Conference office.

Superintendent Gill is now permitted by his physician to be in the office four hours a day. He is rapidly gaining strength and expects to be in attendance at the State Conference meeting at Stockton. Again, he wishes to express thanks to the many who have sent him greetings and good wishes.

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TO TEACH TEACHERS

Dr. Harry T. Stock, general secretary of the national Division of Christian Education, will be at the Pacific School of Religion during the winter quarter, November 10, 1941, to February 13, 1942.

Under the direction of the Conference Committee on Religious Education, institutes are being arranged in the various areas. As far as possible, Dr. Stock will be available for most of the Church School teachers in northern California. The following schedule of Institutes is definite:

East Bay churches at Plymouth Congregational Church, 5 Monday evenings, 7:30-9:30, Nov. 10 to Dec. 8. Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, director.

Redwood Empire at Petaluma, weekend of November 21-23. Rev. Wm. Meyer of Fairfax, director.

Santa Clara Association at Palo Alto, 3 Wednesday evenings, Nov. 19, Dec. 3 and 10. Rev. Augustine Jones, director.

Central Association at Stockton, four Wednesday evenings, Jan. 21 to Feb. 11, 1942. Rev. Noel J. Breed, director.

Upper Bay churches at Pittsburg, weekend of January 30-31 and Feb. 1, 1942.

The following schedule is tentative, pending confirmation by local churches:

San Joaquin churches at Fresno,

Sacramento Valley churches at Sacramento,

Eureka district churches at Eureka,

Calaveras County churches at Angels Camp.

The institutes will be financed by a small registration fee per person attending. Rev. Verdette Walters of Martinez is to be treasurer for the Religious Education Committee. Letters containing additional information will be sent to the church school superintendents and pastors.

This is an excellent opportunity to help the teachers in our Conference to bring the teachings of Jesus more adequately to the children. Further information may be secured by writing to the Conference Committee on Religious Education, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, in care of Rev. E. T. Sherman.

ON GUARD, AMERICA!

"We have half the gold in the world. As a nation we must not forget God lest we make the motto on our coins to read, "In Gold We Trust." China trusted her Wall and France her Maginot Line, and many of us trust our gold which will buy ships, tanks and airplanes, but these will not and cannot insure security.

"Our real enemy is weakness within the hearts of our people; there is the only adequate line of defense from the black, godless paganism which is destroying the world. As long as a check is forged every three and one-half minutes a day and night, a major crime committed every twenty-two seconds, with four million in the army of lawless, we must have, under God, a rebirth of moral sanctions to defend America."—William Horace Day.

OAKLAND, Pilgrim. Rev. Harvey V. Miller, the pastor, reports that the building fund is slowly but steadily increasing.

WHAT'S YOUR RECORD?

Better—decidedly better! The ground that was lost during the summer months in 1941, as compared with 1940, has been regained during the month of September, so we are now as far ahead as we were when the summer began. Three months only remain for the apportionment year. Let us not wait until the last minute to get our benevolences together, but let us work consistently and remit promptly.

Church	September, 1941	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1941	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1940
Adin	.....	$ 18.63	$ 13.75
Alameda	.....	202.50	241.56
Alturas	.....	12.05	10.58
Angels Camp	$ 37.50	114.50	100.00
Antioch	4.45	45.71	22.50
Auburn	10.00	70.00	.....
Benicia	10.00	30.00	5.00
Berkeley, Chinese	.....	25.00	.....
First	711.02	3,670.32	3,380.27
North	88.23	384.27	468.34
Park	14.32	51.92	29.60
Callahan	.....	5.13	.....
Campbell	.....	148.00	100.00
Cedarville	.....	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	11.72	48.41	45.53
Cotati	.....	43.29	42.50
Crockett	39.89	77.01	55.44
Etna	.....	6.85	.....
Eureka	.....	240.18	329.04
Fairfax	.....	15.00	.....
Ferndale	24.05	266.26	146.26
Fresno, First	.....	311.42	654.31
Japanese	.....	10.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	110.00	125.10
Glen Ellen	.....	20.00	.....
Guerneville	6.00	6.00	6.50
Hayfork	.....	5.00	10.00
Hayward	.....	100.00	200.00
Kenwood	.....	3.00	5.30
Lewiston	.....	.....	.18
Lodi, First	125.00	780.00	743.00
Loomis	.....	25.91	28.25
Martinez	95.55	323.25	155.66
Murphys	.....	81.00	77.50
Niles	.....	8.70	8.00
Oakland, First	836.00	3,827.00	3,353.28
Fruitvale	.....	26.28	34.00
Pilgrim	6.00	31.69	29.58
Plymouth	115.00	560.04	540.08
Oroville	.....	33.09	43.54
Pacific Grove	43.11	169.88	156.45
Palo Alto	.....	558.50	511.00
Paradise	.....	154.00	175.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	.....
Penngrove	5.00	19.66	12.14
Pescadero	.....	2.50	.....
Petaluma	222.11	488.88	298.75
Pittsburg	7.54	112.25	96.80
Porterville	90.00	280.00	230.00
Redwood City	.....	381.89	382.98
Reedley	.....	5.00	.....
Rio Vista	75.00	112.50	112.50
Ripon	32.18	108.24	112.76
Sacramento	55.80	571.43	490.33
Salida	.....	20.00	2.00
San Carlos	14.80	47.74	72.79
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	59.44	166.38	189.04
First	129.86	1,602.92	1,055.57
Ocean View	.....	60.00	25.00
Richmond	75.00	75.00	50.00
San Jose	35.71	455.71	488.50
San Leandro	.....	54.12	58.91
San Mateo	.....	570.06	408.02
San Rafael	.....	30.00	27.73
Santa Cruz	80.00	485.00	505.00
Santa Rosa	11.00	109.25	136.81
Saratoga	.....	190.39	183.96
Sebastopol	20.96	130.47	105.43
Sonoma	.....	69.90	59.60
Soquel	25.00	75.00	69.65
Stockton	112.35	451.25	434.47
Suisun	.....	89.10	41.33
Sunnyvale	.....	4.95	3.56
Sunol	.....	25.00	.....
Tulare	60.00	370.00	169.00
Weaverville	.....	75.00	69.10
Woodside	.....	34.00	20.00
Reno, Nevada	42.78	321.38	280.32
Miscellaneous and Individual	7.75	1,399.43	1,293.30
Total	$ 3,340.12	$21,724.19	$19,432.45

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CALLS DREIER

Southern California Congregationalists are rejoicing in the acceptance of the call to the superintendency which has been extended to Rev. Nelson C. Dreier of Denver. Dr. Dreier, who was formerly pastor at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been the superintendent of the Colorado Congregational Conference for the past two years. He is a young man of splendid ability, deep devotion, and great vigor. He will bring added strength to our Congregational fellowship in California. PACIFIC extends its congratulations and best wishes to our Southern Conference.

UPPER BAY P. F.

A rally of the Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship was held in Benicia on a recent Sunday afternoon. Seventy-eight young people, ministers, and adult leaders were present. After a devotional service conducted by the Rio Vista delegation, there followed four group classes: "What young people think about Prayer," Rev. E. W. Benedict, leader; "What young people think about the Church," Rev. Victor Morgan; "What young people think of Christian service," Rev. William Steininger; and "What young people think about the Conscientious Objector," led by Rev. Verdette Walters. The speaker of the afternoon was Rev. James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion.

After a social hour and supper, a business session was held at which Margaret Benedict was elected President of the Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship; Carman Dugan, College Commissioner, and Rev. Verdette Walters, adult adviser. Field Secretary Sherman showed pictures of various young people's conferences, and the session closed with a devotional service conducted by the young people of the Benicia church. Rev. Isaac Fleming was the host pastor.

REDWOOD EMPIRE P. F.

Pilgrim Fellowship of the Redwood Empire held its fall rally at Santa Rosa on September 28, when it elected Warren Uhte of Fairfax as area President, and Rev. William Meyer as adviser. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday of the Mill Valley Community Church was guest speaker, using as his subject "Build Today for a Christian World."

WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Committee for Assistance to War Victims which was set up a year ago at the General Council, and through which many of our churches and people have contributed, is now to be known as the Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services. The scope of the committee has been broadened so that our gifts through it may go not only for relief to war victims, but to care for the extra expense which the war is bringing to our Boards to help with the social and religious program in our army and navy; in short, to give all Congregationalists a channel through which they may meet the present emergency and be sure that their gifts are being well used.

Rev. Boynton Merrill of Newton, Mass., the Chairman of the Committee, has been released by his church to make a flying trip throughout the country to meet our ministers in groups and set before them not only the needs of the work but the plans for doing our part. His visit in this territory will come on Tuesday, November 4. Rev. Vere V. Loper, member of the National Committee; Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, Chairman of the Conference Committee on Social Action, and Superintendent Gill are sponsoring a meeting of the ministers of this area to be held that date, Nov. 4, at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, to meet Dr. Merrill and to secure first-hand information about the project.

ALTURAS. Rev. Theodore E. Schultz, the pastor, writes that a visiting committee of 12 women has been formed to keep the constituency informed on church matters and to aid the pastor. He assisted at the CCC graduation at Juniper Flats Camp, under the supervision of the local School Board. The church dinner, on Sept. 30, with 146 in attendance, honored Alturas public school teachers.

MARTINEZ. A handy church calendar designed to be hung on the wall, has been devised by this church. It indicates the seasons of special religious emphasis such as Advent, Lent, etc., and has the sermon topics of Rev. Verdette Walters, the pastor, printed for a full year.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. A series of courses lasting six weeks are scheduled to begin in October, including "Health and Religion," "Building Successful Marriage Relationship," "Child Care and Training," "A Bible Study Course," "Teacher Training," and "Public Speaking." The pastor, Rev. Torrance Phelps, conducted the communion service at the fall meeting of the Sacramento Valley Women's Association which was held in his church.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Week-day church school reopened on September 12 with a group of willing teachers and a large number of eager children. Young people of the church honored their pastor, Rev. Donald Gaylord, at a birthday tea, early in the month. Religious education is receiving much attention at dinners and meetings. Family night dinners are to be resumed early in October, and plans are already being laid for the annual Fall Festival.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Robert Cleland, the resident pastor, reports that the fall season is starting well in all departments. In September the Women's Union held an "Everybody's Birthday Party"; and on the 21st Men's Day was observed, with a special sermon by Rev. James Muilenburg, ad interim preacher. Rev. Gail Cleland is to visit and preach early in October, and another Sunday the Church School is to feature an exhibit.

BERKELEY, PARK. The pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, delivered the invocation at the celebration of Constitution Day sponsored by the patriotic organizations of Berkeley. A new course of Bible study has been prepared for the Sunday School pupils above fourth grade: Junior A studying the Four Gospels; Junior B, the New Testament Persons and Places; Intermediates, the Parables; and High School, the Background of the Bble.

TRINITY COUNTY. Plans have been laid for the observance of "Christian Consecration and Loyalty Month." Beginning with Communion Sunday, special programs have been arranged for each Sunday of the month. A Sunday School has been organized at Lewiston. On one weekend some retired missionaries from Korea visited and gave graphic accounts of medical work in that field. Rev. P. N. Bennett is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Two new women's organizations have been formed,—one of mothers of pre-school children, and one of Sunday School mothers. Both groups have raised and spent more than four hundred dollars on building and ground improvements. An entire new roof has been put on the old building, a circulating gas heater has been installed, and new linoleum laid in two rooms. In addition, the church women sponsored a war relief program in September, netting a substantial sum. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. These churches are both looking forward to the visit of Rev. Robert B. Whitaker of China on an early Sunday in October. A committee of the Penngrove church has been named to secure a carpet for the church floor, and an estimate is to be obtained on further repairs to the building. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor.

LIKELY. The first congregational meeting to be held since 1933 in the Wheeler Memorial Church took place September 16, with Rev. Theodore E. Schulz serving as Moderator of the business session. The church voted to ask Mr. Schulz, who is pastor at Alturas, to conduct a worship and preaching service on Sunday evening, September 21, and as often thereafter as seems wise.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

MURPHYS. September 28 marked the 75th Anniversary and Home-coming Day in this church, for which members and friends had made extensive preparation. About 100 were in attendance at each of the two services, morning and afternoon, and 125 partook of the luncheon. The pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, reports that it was truly a "homecoming day," with old-time members and former church pupils coming from far and near. Guest speakers who shared in the program were: Moderator C. T. Tinker of the Conference, Judge J. A. Smith of San Andreas, Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton, Rev. A. C. Hacke of Ripon, and Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, herself a pioneer in the Murphys Church work.

PALO ALTO. The High School Round Table opened its fall program with a large attendance and a number of new members. The women of the Santa Clara Association held their fall rally in this church with eighty-five in attendance. A handkerchief shower brought some 500 handkerchiefs for the missionary barrel. Out-of-town visitors were welcomed by Rev. and Mrs. Augustine Jones at a reception in their new home.

Church family night was observed with a delightful program of music and a welcome to newcomers in the community and those who had joined the church this year.

LODI, FIRST. A number of women attended the Central Association women's meeting in Stockton. One carload of members went to Murphys to join in the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration there. The Lodi Ministerial Association is providing for the holding of meetings in camps in this vicinity, members of the Congregational and Nazarene churches holding half-hour services late Sunday afternoons at one camp. The members of the church are looking forward to a union Christian Endeavor and church service in the German Ebenezer Congregational Church on October 5. Rev. A. R. Boone is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. This summer the church tried out two new attempts to solve the problem of its own particular situation. The first was a two-week vacation school among the incoming fruit workers. It was very successful, with an average of 100 children in attendance. The second was a church conducted summer camp at Monte Toyon, Aptos. This was also happily carried out, with a good attendance. The church is facing its fall program with a spirit of hopefulness. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. Church attendance during the vacation months was very good, including visitors from many states of the Union. One of the features of the service is to ask visitors to rise and be specially welcomed. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, during the month used as subjects for his Sunday evening discussions: "Winston Churchill —Hitler's Nemesis," "Hitler the Man," "Hitler and Germany," and "Japan and Uncle Sam."

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The pastor, Rev. Robert Inglis, has announced a new sermon series under the general heading "Resources for Christian Living." The five separate sermons are: "The Source of Our Enthusiasms," "Things Christians Want," "The Christian's Diet," "Learning to Forgive," and "Power Over Evil." Together they form an interpretation of the Lord's Prayer.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, the pastor, reports that the choir has resumed activity with renewed zeal and enthusiasm after its summer vacation.

PITTSBURG. The summer months were productive in three achievements: painting of the parsonage, contribution of ten new tables to the social hall by the Women's Auxiliary, and a new silk American flag for the church. A Young Adult group has been organized. The church is observing "Church Loyalty Month" during October. A series of Church Nights is planned for the fall and winter, at the first of which Rev. Robert B. Whitaker will be the speaker. The Women's Auxiliary will hold all day meetings with definite projects, such as Red Cross work, mission study, book reviews, and local interest work. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is the pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The pastor, Rev. Charles E. Ward, is organizing a forum or discussion group. The Pilgrim Fellowship is setting a new high attendance record. The entire Sunday School above the primary class has been equipped with Goodspeed Bibles and reports a real interest in the Scriptures. The Boy Scout troop won second honors at the recent Fiesta Carnival. Mrs. R. A. Fuller, president of the Women's Federation, was guest at the first fall meeting of the Women's Guild. The Plymouth Guild has resumed its Red Cross sewing. The first church dinner of the fall was served by the deaconesses.

OAKLAND, FIRST. A gala occasion was the annual indoor picnic held on September 26, with over 300 in attendance. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, has been preaching a series of sermons Sunday mornings on human problems. A question box was placed in the narthex and the sermons were planned to answer questions presented by the congregation. Beginning October 5, a new morning service, from 9:45 to 10:30, will be inaugurated. This will be a relatively short and informal service, with "different" sermons by the pastor. Of course this is in addition to the regular eleven o'clock service.

SANTA ROSA. October 1 closed the five-year pastorate of Rev. Wilfred Withington. The Sunday School and young people's work are thoroughly organized and enthusiastic. The church does not have one cent of debt although extensive renovating and remodeling projects have increased the use-value of the building. Rev. Benjamin Gould has accepted a unanimous call to act as interim pastor and is already on the field. Mr. and Mrs. Withington will spend the winter in southern California.

FAIRFAX. The Pilgrim Fellowship made a house-to-house survey of the community, finding many new prospects for the church. The young people are also publishing a paper called "Fairfax Light." At a rally dinner, members of each organization of the church sat together, each group reporting on fall plans. One family of the church has given 300 daffodil and grape hyacinth bulbs and some iris to the church garden. Rev. William W. Meyer is the pastor.

OROVILLE. Under the dynamic leadership of Rev. C. C. Champlin, ad interim pastor, the church is launching its autumn program. The Loyalty Month plans are being observed with World Communion on the first Sunday. Reorganization of the Sunday School has taken place, and Pilgrim Press materials have been introduced. A delegation to the State Conference is expected.

SOQUEL. High light for the young people of this church was a visit during the summer to Pacific School of Religion. Their latest activity has been a minstrel show, proceeds from which were used to defray conference expenses. Rev. T. Davis Preston is the pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. The vesper services, under the sponsorship of Rev. Pierson Parker of North Church, are creating a good deal of interest. Speakers for the coming Sundays will be Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Pierson Parker, Mr. Herbert Dimock, Rev. Holland Burr, and Rev. J. A. B. Fry. The financial canvass, which is about concluded, had encouraging results, reaching many new people in the neighborhood. The Church School attendance has increased steadily since the beginning of the term. Various groups are again using the house regularly, such as Red Cross, Women's Club, Boy Scouts, Brownies, and Cubs. Mr. Herb Dimock is the director.

SAN JOSE. During the vacation of the pastor, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, a very worthwhile series of Sunday morning services was conducted by laymen. On Sunday afternoon, September 14, a leaders' conference was held, with fifty officers, heads of organizations, and chairmen of committees in attendance, to outline plans for the year and talk over common problems. A picnic supper concluded the meeting. Mr. Paul Sutley of the Pacific School of Religion has begun work as student director. At the September church night supper Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker, recently returned from China, were the speakers.

ANGELS CAMP. The choir of this church assisted at the Murphys Anniversary celebration, and the church voted to join with Murphys in the morning service that day. The young people's group is already at work preparing to take over the church service during the absence of the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, at the State Conference. Mr. Dickey reports a fine choir group, and a well-staffed church school. He also writes of the White Pines Sunday School which now has an enrollment of 50, another Christian center in Calaveras County with four lay leaders assisting.

SANTA CRUZ. A church dinner was held to plan for Home Coming Sunday, and the work of the coming months. The Business and Professional Woment's Club attended service in a body on the first Sunday in October. Leland, son of the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, has been appointed director of young people's religious work at Plymouth Church, Whittier. He is a student at Whittier College. Twenty-five women attended the Santa Clara Association women's meeting at Palo Alto.

SAN CARLOS. This church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, and with the assistance of Field Secretary Sherman, is engaged in a serious and widespread campaign for the new building project. Canvassers are being enlisted in San Carlos and in all of our other churches in the upper part of the Santa Clara Association. If the present effort to raise something like $6,000 is successful it will be possible to undertake the new building.

SAN MATEO. This church is to be host to a church school teachers' institute, with neighboring churches invited, and led by the Conference Committee on Religious Education. The youth program has been reorganized as a "College of Life," with Torrence Jones, student of Pacific School of Religion, as leader. "The Pine Tree," official church organ, indicates a full program of activities for the fall. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is the pastor.

WOODSIDE. Rev. Burton M. Palmer, the pastor, reports that four adults united with the church at the September communion service, two on confession of faith.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A class of eleven new members united with the church early in September. At the evening Inter-Church hour, which is a cooperative enterprise of five churches, Dr. Fritz Kunkel is to give a series of four lectures on "Difficulties in Human Relationships." Dr. Kirby Page was guest speaker one evening during the month. The Fall Seminars which begin October 8 and carry through each Wednesday to November 12, include an outstanding list of titles and speakers. Individual Seminar titles are: "The Modern Expansion of Christianity," "Dynamics of World Reconstruction," "Significant Current Literature," "The English Bible as Literature," "Forming a Philosophy of Life," and "Psychology for Everyday Living." Rev. Vere V. Loper is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Mr. Sherwood Wirt, the pastor, writes that the Community Church, with a new sign, new window curtains, and a $2,500 annex rising alongside the sanctuary, is starting off with a banner year. The Ladies' Aid is its most active in many seasons and is planning a Hallowe'en bazaar. The Pilgrim Fellowship has new officers, a new consultant, and is making plans to raise $10 for the state missionary project. Its attendance has jumped smartly, due to the inspiration of Lokoya. The new social hall, 40 by 24, is being built by volunteer help in large part. The fall canvass for new members is under way.

FRESNO, FIRST. Services under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, opened the first Sunday in September, and during the month averaged an attendance of 242, overflowing from the auditorium into the social hall each Sunday. Two young people's societies join for a period of worship as a Church of Youth. A series of thirteen outstanding speakers for the evening forum has been enlisted. A number of persons have indicated their desire to come into the fellowship. A new study with hardwood floor has been prepared for the minister.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The last Tuesday in each month is to be set aside as Church Night for fellowship and recreation of all groups in the church. The first such meeting was held in September, beginning with a pot-luck supper, and a splendid start was made. Mr. Eugene Sill, student at Pacific School of Religion, is the pastor.

ANTIOCH. A capacity crowd attended the September pot-luck dinner. An extensive program of repairs is under way, including work on the church foundations, and painting the building. A new organist and a new choir director have been secured, both trained musicians. Rev. W. R. Steininger is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. James B. Orr, the pastor, is conducting a Bible study class each Sunday evening, two of the topics in September being: "Baptism" and "Our Lord's Temptation."

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The October meeting of the Federation will be held, as announced last month, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Conference. Particulars of this will be given elsewhere in the PACIFIC. The Federation will meet separately, however, for luncheon on Saturday, October 18. We are sorry to state that Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, who was to have been a speaker at that time, will not be able to be with us. The Program Committee is congratulating itself on securing Mrs. Richard S. Rose, President of the Southern California Federation of Congregational Women. May we urge upon all our women to attend as much of the Conference period as possible; and certainly to be present at the luncheon.

ASSOCIATION RALLIES

As announced in the last PACIFIC, there was no meeting of the whole Federation in September. In place of this, the various Associations held their own meetings. The change was made in the hope that there would be a greater number of women at the Association gatherings and that it would bring them closer together.

In order that we all might know something of the work of each, the Federation editor wrote each Association asking for some report. She is most grateful for the response from all.

BAY

The Bay Association, under the leadership of its capable new President, Mrs. J. H. McCartney, met in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, on the 18th of September, and were graciously greeted. Mrs. William Sadler opened the interesting program by giving us the latest news from China, from a letter recently received. A helpful discussion of questions prepared by Mrs. McClintock on her visit last spring followed. The highlight of the afternoon was a talk by Miss Maryette Lum, whose arrival from China was announced in the last PACIFIC. As Miss Lum has been unable to meet many of the requests to speak at other Associations, some details of her talk will be of interest. She spoke of the fact, for which all who had been there were grateful, that the beautiful old city of Peiping had not been injured in any way. This was due to the prompt surrender of the city to the Japanese. Cities which had resisted had been terribly bombed, but Peiping is untouched. A greater burden has been placed upon the mission schools in the city, as they were the only ones allowed to open. The government schools were badly treated. Some few schools are now opened by the Puppet Government, but the teachers are poor and the pupils uninterested. An understandable change in the curricula of the schools is from the prominence of English as the second language taught, to that of Japanese. At first it had been a mark of patriotism among the Chinese students to fail to pass examinations in Japanese. Both medical and educational work is being carried on today largely under Chinese leadership. Miss Lum sang to us charmingly some Chinese songs for which she had composed the harmony, as Chinese music is purely melodic. It was a surprise for many of us, whose acquaintance with Chinese music is limited to what we hear in the theaters, to learn how musical these songs were.

UPPER BAY

Upper Bay Association held its meeting on September 19. They also had an example of "visual education" in a presentation of a model business meeting, put on by the Antioch women. Mrs. Elmer Benedict, President of the Association, writes that it gave a fine idea of how a group can transact a great deal of business in a short time. We might all like to borrow the idea. Upper Bay also had the pleasure of hearing Miss Lum. The hostess church for the meeting was Antioch, and at the business meeting Mrs. Benedict was re-elected President and Mrs. Charles Williamson of Pittsburg was elected Secretary.

CENTRAL

Central Association held its meeting on September 25 in Stockton. The attendance was smaller than usual for various reasons, among them the pleasant one of the 75th anniversary of the Murphys church. The President of the Association, Mrs. L. M. Drury, had asked the Commissioners of Stockton and Lodi, who had gone to the M.E.M. Conference this summer, to speak of the Conference and of the study books. Both gave interesting talks. It seems to this writer that it would be an excellent idea for all Associations to follow. The reports given in Federation meetings reach comparatively few of our women, and one Association President says that she found, in answer to the question "What does M.E.M. mean?" only about a third could tell. Yet there is no better source of inspiration for our world-wide work than the Missionary Education Movement. (Just in case some of our readers did not know, either.)

SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara Association is having its meeting as we write, Sept. 30. And a most delightful and unusual program it promises. The outstanding event is a pageant, prepared after much study and research, by the Association President, Mrs. J. O. Ferris. The suggestive title is "Are You Interested in Firsts?" and the pageant presents the beginnings of missionary work in the modern world, from 1600 A.D. on. Women from each of the societies in the Association, in appropriate costume, give brief accounts of the different steps, starting with Carey and the English church work. Our own Haystack Prayer Meeting is presented by a "Colonial Lady," who goes on to tell of the organization of the American Board and of the "Female Missionary Society" which antedated our Women's Boards. These latter have their representation later on. The beginning of work in each country—India, China, Japan, Africa and the Near Easti—is presented by costumed ladies. Mrs. Ferris, herself, speaks of the first Home Missionary work, and will show a photostatic facsimile of the first issue of the first Home Missionary Magazine—May 1, 1828, which I think we should all like to get our hands on. They will sing the earliest of Christian hymns. Altogether it sounds to this editor like a most delightful occasion.

SACRAMENTO

Sacramento Association holds its meeting on October 1, and has, as always, a very interesting program. Among the many good things is an address by Mrs. Warren Van Camp, wife of the Presbyterian pastor in Davis, on "Drama in the Church." Sacramento Association also makes helpful use of the M.E.M. Conference, through an address by Mrs. L. E. DeVoss, Home Field Secretary for the Federation, on "New Evaluations Through Books." The beautiful candle-lighting ceremony and Communion service, which was mentioned in an earlier PACIFIC, and which so impressed all who saw it, is being repeated.

It goes without saying that all Associations reported Mrs. R. A. Fuller's presence and helpful talks on the various phases of the work.

ATTENTION, LADIES!

Women planning to attend the Federation luncheon at the State Conference on Saturday, October 18, must be sure to make reservations as set forth in the last paragraph of the two-column article on page 1 of this issue.

WORLD STUDENT SERVICE FUND

The president-elect of Plymouth House, Robert Wood, was appointed as publicity director for the World Student Service Fund. A goal of $2500 was set for Berkeley, to be raised mainly from students as a symbol of their unity with students across the world. Plymouth House cooperated in raising funds from its own membership and in providing speakers who presented the purpose of the fund to various groups living about the campus. Most of the funds will go to help Chinese students, but a share will also go to refugee students of Europe and to students in military prisons of Europe to help them continue their education.

WHITAKERS IN DEMAND

Churches are showing great interest in the presence of Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker in our Conference, and many invitations have been extended to them to speak. They can be reached at 196 Claremont Ave., San Jose. It is quite necessary that churches or groups inviting them should provide travel expense, for there is no appropriation to cover that item.

JUNIOR WORSHIP STORIES

Teachers and leaders of junior age pupils will be interested in the new book by Alice Geer Kelsey entitled "Stories for Junior Worship." It contains 35 stories divided into six sections: "Out of Doors," "History and Legend," "Followers of Jesus Today," "The Holidays," "From the Old Testament," and some "That Might Have Been in New Testament Days." Each story is short, but appealing in its message, and should be helpful to those who are always searching for new stories for their worship periods. Price of the book, which is published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, is $1.00.

SAN JOAQUIN

As San Joaquin Association does not hold its meeting until the 10th of October, its President, Mrs. W. F. Tidyman, had not her plans fully made. But Fresno First is to be the hostess church, which is equivalent to saying that it will be a delightful meeting.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

The Redwood Empire meeting also comes too late for definite plans to be reported. This will be held at Cloverdale October 21.

REV. JOHN R. SHOEMAKER

Notice appeared in the last issue of THE PACIFIC of the death of Rev. John R. Shoemaker on September 5 at Sacramento. Mr. Shoemaker was born in New York August 2, 1868. He attended Gibbons Collegiate Institute in Nebraska. He was originally in the United Brethren Church, and was a minister for a total of 44 years. He came into our fellowship during the last world war, and served our churches at Fort Bidwell, Adin, and Oakland Calvary. In 1891 he was married to Nellie Austin, who herself was an ordained minister, and who served with him in his churches and was well known in our fellowship. She passed away while Mr. Shoemaker was pastor in Oakland. Mr. Shoemaker is survived by a daughter and a son. The former, who is Mrs. Lulu V. Thompson of Sacramento, has been very active in our church fellowship. Rev. Torrance Phelps officiated at the funeral service on September 8.

Several recent and present members of Plymouth House along with a few friends, have organized a Mutual Aid Fund for loans to those who are drafted to do work of national importance under civilian direction at their own expense. Congress has made no appropriation for this work, so the loan fund is established for those who will need to borrow enough to pay their expenses while they do this required work.

RUINS

By Jessie Kemp Hawkins

Fair Westminster, still beautiful, though rent by bastard hands!
Unmindful of her gaping wounds in regal pride she stands.
In silvered light her sculptured kings like living beings seem,
While once more ruined arches with knights and courtiers teem.
One sees no broken outlines left by the spoiler's hate;
The ivy's loving tendrils have saved them from this fate,
And like an infant's fingers upon his mother's face
Caressed each tiny blemish, enhancing all the place.

O suffering heart, crushed by its load and burdened sore with care,
The loveliest flowers never bloom when life is bright and fair;
The bleak winds of a wild despair, the cutting blasts of pain,
A hope deferred or long since dead, a passion calmly slain,
May only be the blocks that raise the structure to the skies,
While clinging ivy hides mistakes from bold and prying eyes,
Revealing only character that ever will abide,
By fires of sheer adversity, ennobled, purified.

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